

## WSDOT I-5 Construction in Seattle & Shoreline

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### Wet Weather Postpones James to Olive Construction for the Fifth Time

A high chance of rain showers will again postpone the I-5 James to Olive pavement rehabilitation project in downtown Seattle. While we're eager to get this important construction project finished, wet weather would prevent crews from completing work in time for the Monday morning commute. This will be the fifth major construction postponement due to weather. The cancellation also means the I-5 express lanes will operate on a normal schedule this weekend: southbound from 7 a.m. to noon and northbound from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Postponing paving this weekend means our next two construction weekends are planned for June 17-20 and June 24-27. However, we need to complete three weekends of construction work. We are exploring our options to get this important construction work done and will announce any additions to our construction schedule as soon as possible.

For more information on this WSDOT project, please visit our [project Web page](#).

### Roanoke Noise Walls

Crews finished grouting the base of the [new noise wall](#) late last week. This week, they installed the maintenance access door and, weather permitting, they will seal the walls with a special paint. After seeding grass on the bare ground this portion of the project will be nearly complete.

The southbound right lane along Harvard Ave from about Shelby Street to Roanoke Avenue will be closed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the work is completed.

Construction work on the Boylston noise wall will start later this summer. We'll keep you posted as we get closer to that date.

## Shoreline 175<sup>th</sup> to 205<sup>th</sup> Additional Lane

Crews are still working in the I-5 median in Shoreline. While they won't be working this weekend, next week they will install new drainpipes and catch basins that will eventually sit at the base of the new median barriers in the center of I-5.

In about a month we will shift all the lanes toward the center of the freeway to provide space for construction crews to build the new lane on the outside. Visit the [project page](#) for more details about this work.

## Other Projects on I-5

### South King County: Federal Way I-5 HOV

Crews continue pavement improvements on northbound I-5 between Highway 161 and S. 336<sup>th</sup> Street in Federal Way, with two northbound lanes closed on weeknights.

Southbound I-5 traffic has been using a temporary roadway in the median from Military Road to S. 320<sup>th</sup> Street since October 2004, and we expect to complete pavement replacement on this section of I-5 within the next few weeks. We plan to shift traffic off the temporary roadway (onto the newly rebuilt permanent lanes) next month.

Also in June, construction will go into full swing on the HOV direct access ramps in the I-5 median at S. 317<sup>th</sup> Street, and on the extension of the HOV lanes from Military Road to the Pierce County line. For more information on these projects, sign up for [I-5 South King County e-mail updates](#), or visit the project Web sites ([I-5 HOV Widening](#) and [I-5 – S. 317<sup>th</sup> HOV Direct Access](#)).

## Governor signs new transportation funding; we're making every dollar count

On Monday, May 9, Governor Christine Gregoire signed an \$8.5 billion [statewide transportation investment package](#). This package means the future for the people of Washington just got better. It gets Washington moving by widening highways, improving interchanges, adding park-and-ride lots, and expanding HOV lanes. It improves safety by funding:

- median barriers, rumble strips, and guard rail improvements to prevent vehicles from leaving the traveled lane
- turn lanes to reduce accidents on single-lane roadways
- sidewalks and crosswalks to improve the safety of children going to and from school

You probably already know that this funding package includes money for critical, high-profile projects like replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct and the Highway 520 bridge and improving I-405. But you might not have yet heard about the hundreds of other important projects, large and small, in every corner of the state, that this funding package also makes possible.

As always, we are working hard to deliver quality construction projects on time and on budget to help keep Washington State people and businesses moving. Our commitment to you and all the people of Washington is clear - make every dollar count!

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